

**REMARKS**

Applicant has amended claim 33 to correct its dependency as required by the Examiner. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claim 33.

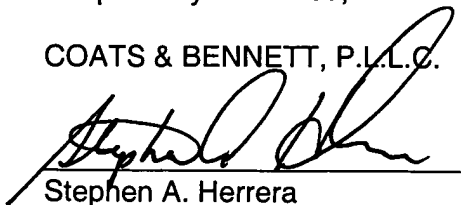
The Examiner rejected independent claims 1, 3, 7-8, 10-14, 17-20, and 22-24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinnunen in view of Girard. Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 3, 6-14, and 17-24 without prejudice thereby rendering this rejection moot.

The Examiner also rejected independent claims 25 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinnunen in view of Sharo. The Sharo published application indicates that Sharo was filed on September 11, 2003. According to the §1.131 declaration and accompanying Exhibits submitted with this response, the inventor of the present application conceived of the claimed invention not later than August 11, 2003, and pursued the invention with reasonable diligence through filing of an application covering his invention on March 16, 2004. As such, Sharo does not qualify as prior art and any rejections based on Sharo fail as a matter of law. Therefore, claims 25 and 36, and all of their respective dependent claims are patentable over Kinnunen in view of Sharo.

In light of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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